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Since July 8, 112 librarians have been added to the KDE email distribution list for school librarians. Some of these changes are due to job moves, but most are new librarians not previously on the list. Forty-one librarians were removed from the contact list due to retirement or resignation from the library position. (*Note*: these are changes that have occurred since June 2012, since KDE did not have a consultant last year). Thanks to KASL board members, KASL district presidents, and KET consultants for their assistance in the updates.

Work begins September 23 on the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) tool for school librarians (and other non-classroom personnel, such as guidance counselors). Joining me in representing school librarians for this work are Becky Nelson (Franklin County, elementary) and Paul Lanata (Jefferson County, district director, secondary).

The summer 2013 issue of *Kentucky School Library Media News* was emailed to KY school librarians earlier this week and was posted on the KDE website. The feature article highlights Terri Grief's selection as AASL president for 2014-15, and the newsletter has links to KASL, KLA, AASL, and ALA. *Kentucky Teacher* is also planning an article about Terri.

I've placed blurbs in the Instructional Support Network (ISN) newsletters emphasizing effective library media programs. The newsletter is distributed by Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith to superintendents, principals, and district-level instructional personnel. Getting the message to administrators is one of my focus areas this year.

The Beyond Proficiency @ your library webcast has been added to the PD 360 section of CIITS.

The KDE website was re-vamped summer 2012. As a result, previous links to library resources took the user to a "page not found." All library media items now have new links, and the library media section has been updated.